

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FUNCTIONING OF NHDP AND NHAI
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Highway Development Project and the National Highways Authority of India are functioning under his ministry;
- (b) if so, the responsibilities assigned to these organisations and the date on which these organisations were set up;
- (c) the annual average expenditure being incurred on these organisations;
- (d) the number of employees on the roll of the each organisation up to March 2001; and
- (e) the strength of these employees separately, grade-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (I)
B.C.KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Highway Development Project (NHDP) is not an organisation, but a massive project for 4/6 laning of National Highways in a length of 13,252 km started in October 1998. The project is being implemented by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), an autonomous body established under National Highways Authority of India Act 1988 which came into effect on 15.06.1989. NHAI became operational in February 1995.

(c) The annual average expenditure incurred during the last three years by NHAI is about Rs. 850 crore.

(d) The number of employees on the roll of National Highways Authority of India as on 31st March, 2001 was 408. In addition, the Authority has one Chairman and three Members at present.

(e) The strength of these employees separately, grade-wise is at Annex I.